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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2.65 million for the Treasure Valley Law Enforcement Childcare Center project in the FY24 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the National Law Enforcement Foundation located at 26103 Harvey Rd., Caldwell, ID 83607. This funding would be used to construct a childcare center for law enforcement officers in the Treasure Valley in Idaho. Law enforcement families struggle to find accessible, affordable, and quality childcare options during their shift work, leaving many officers, especially women, unable to continue serving and making a recruiting and retaining crisis in a rapidly growing area worse. This funding would provide for safe and secure childcare and education coverage that matches the needs of law enforcement families and would meet a widely acknowledged need within Idaho law enforcement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because Police have a critical role in helping economies and communities thrive. The community's quality of life is directly impacted by the quality of police & ability to attract the best workforce to serve. With a growing population, the Treasure Valley is desperate to keep current officers & make the profession attractive to recruits, especially women. The lack of accessible childcare is destroying numerous critical workforces, but none more than law enforcement.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Mike Simpson in black ink, with the initials "M.C." written in small letters at the end of the signature.

Mike Simpson
March 30, 2023